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## REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

### SERIOUS UNREST IN GERMANY.

The Military Fire on Berlin Processionists.  
Copenhagen, December 8.

A message from Berlin states when the Executive Council was known the troops of the Soldiers' Council were cheering Herr Liebknecht and shouting that Herr Ebert and Scheidemann must retire. They made a procession into the Reichstag, where Herr Liebknecht promised that their wishes would be considered. Two other processions carried placards: "Down with Hindenburg. The officers must have the Soldiers' Council" and demanded that Herr Ebert be ousted. The military charged the procession with bayonets and then fired with machine guns, killing 28 and wounding 40.

Movement Directed Against Government.

Copenhagen, December 8.

Yorwerts asserts that the Spartacus group are entirely responsible for the outbreak. It is rumored that the demonstrators intended to storm the Foreign Office and remove the Government.

Shameful Attack on Deputation.

Amsterdam, December 9.

The *Weser Zeitung* reports a bloody encounter at Brunswick between the Red Guards and the famous Black Hussars, who were returning from the front. The latter, following their Commander's lead, fired on the Municipal Deputation which was sent to welcome them. The Red Guards replied. The infuriated populace dragged the officers from their horses and forced them to march in a procession through the streets.

Drep-Seated Plot of Spartacus Group.

Zurich, December 9.

A message from Berlin says it is evident that the riots were links in a well-prepared and organized attempt by the Extremists to overthrow the Government. The Spartacus Group have concentrated in Berlin the best organizers from the whole country. The Government, however, have in readiness 10,000 troops. A Republican guard and the Military now occupy the Invaliders Strasse, many railway stations, the University and other notable quarters. The latest reports show that Sunday passed quietly.

### MR. ROOSEVELT ON PEACE TERMS.

Britain Must have Big Navy and Keep German Colonies.

New York, December 4.

Mr. Roosevelt, in the course of a statement, declared that it was the business of the United States to stand by the Allies. It should be conceded that Britain needs the most powerful Navy, with the United States next. All Americans should be trained militarily on the lines of the Swiss system. The phrase "freedom of the seas" cannot be interpreted to prevent the British Navy, in the event of a future war, repeating the tremendous service it had rendered in this war. The British must keep the conquered Colonies. He insisted upon the preservation of the Monroe Doctrine, maintaining the right to close the Panama Canal to enemies in war-time. He deprecated interfering European, Asiatic and African concerns and concluded that the United States had not done nearly as much as the British, French and Italians in achieving the downfall of Germany.

### THE GERMAN CROWN PRINCE SPEAKS.

Germans Cannot be Crushed.

New York, December 4.

Interviewed by the Associated Press at Mieringen, the German Crown Prince said he had not renounced anything nor signed any documents, but if the German Government decided to form a Republic he was perfectly content to return to Germany as a simple citizen. The Crown Prince professed admiration for President Wilson, who, he was sure, would bring about a peace of justice for Germany. "Any humiliation to a nation of 70 millions," the Crown Prince said, "would only leave a feeling of revenge. Such a nation cannot be crushed." The Armistice terms were very severe and almost impossible to execute as the Entente is taking a large portion of the means of transportation.

### ENTENTE VESSELS IN GERMAN PORTS.

Surrender of War Vessels Under Construction.

Amsterdam, December 9.

A message from Berlin says the British Naval Armistice Delegation, headed by Admiral Browning, will shortly be proceeding to Hamburg to inspect the Entente merchant vessels in German ports. The Entente are demanding the surrender, by the 17th inst. of all interned merchant vessels and ships condemned by Prize Courts, also all war vessels, including submarines and river craft, which have just been completed or are under construction. Germany protests that this goes beyond the Armistice.

### BRITISH ADVANCE OVER THE RHINE.

London, December 9.

Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig, in a communique, states that the British have reached the Rhine between Cologne and Godesberg.

### GERMAN LIEUTENANT HOAXED.

Berlin Soviet Members Arrested.

Amsterdam, December 8.

A message from Berlin states that the Soviet Executive was sitting in the Reichstag building when a Lieutenant commanding a detachment of Guard Pioneers, who stated that he was acting on Government orders, arrested them. It appears that the Lieutenant acted in a bona fide manner, but was duped by three individuals, one of whom has been arrested, while the other two, who are Foreign Office officials, have fled. The Lieutenant has been arrested.

## REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

### LIBERATED LORRAINE.

President Poincaré's Ceremonious Entry into Metz.  
London, December 8.

Reuter's correspondent at Metz says there were scenes of indescribable joy on the occasion of President Poincaré's ceremonious entry. The President, accompanied by Lord Derby and other diplomats, was received by Marshal Foch, Field Marshal Joffre, Marshal Petain, Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig and General Pershing. There was a moving moment when President Poincaré publicly clasped and embraced M. Clemenceau. Americans and French participated in the imposing parade, after which the procession marched through the city, which was elaborately decorated. The populace pelted the carriages with flowers.

### THE BRITISH ENTRY INTO COLOGNE.

Effectuated Before Schedule Time.

London, December 8.

Reuter's correspondent at Aix-la-Chapelle says a British detachment, consisting of two Machine-Gun Brigades, accelerated the entry into Cologne, which was effected two days before the schedule time. In response to the Burgomaster's appeal to hasten to bring about a cessation of disturbances, the Soviet had tried to overthrow the civil authorities.

### THREATENING FRENCH NOTE TO GERMANY.

Regarding Atrocities on War Prisoners.

Paris, December 8.

M. Clemenceau has sent a threatening Note by wireless to Germany regarding the attacks on prisoners.

### WANTON DESTRUCTION IN NORTHERN FRANCE.

The Retreating Germans' Work.

Paris, December 6.

The Northern Railway Company reports that the retreating Germans have destroyed 1,731 bridges, 338 stations, and practically the whole of the telegraphic and telephonic lines. The tracks were demolished by six-mile strips of timed mines which still exploding.

### SCHLESWIG-HOLSTEIN A REPUBLIC.

Forthcoming Announcement.

London, December 8.

A message from Hamburg states that a Republic of Schleswig-Holstein within the German Empire is about to be proclaimed with its capital at Neumunster.

### SURRENDER OF MACKENSEN'S TROOPS.

Amsterdam, December 8.

A message from Budapest states that General Mackensen's troops in the Hermannstadt area will surrender their arms to the French General, and the others to the Hungarian authorities.

### BOLSHEVISM AT COBLENZ.

American Troops to Quell It.

London, December 9.

American troops are being hastened in trains to Coblenz, where Bolshevism is rampant.

### EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

### OFFICIAL VISIT TO LIBERATED TOWNS.

Paris, Dec. 7.

The President of the Republic to-morrow, Sunday, pays his first official visit to Metz and on Monday to Strasbourg. A large number of deputies, senators and members of the Government will be present. A military review will be held in both towns.—Havas.

### BELGIAN ROYALTY IN FRANCE.

Paris, Dec. 7.

The second day of the visit of the King and Queen of Belgium was like Thursday, a day of great personal triumph. The Sovereigns were as much occupied with visits of charity as ceremony. King Albert motored to the Belgian Military Hospital and Home and the Queen visited the Church of St. Gervais which was struck on Good Friday by a German shell. In the afternoon they gave a reception at the Hotel de Ville. There was an extraordinary burst of cheering when they left Paris on Friday night.—Havas.

### THE PEACE NEGOTIATIONS.

Paris, Dec. 7.

An official note issued in Paris last night confirms the arrival of President Wilson in Paris next Saturday. He is landing at Brest on Friday. It is stated that the Inter-Allied Conference on peace preliminaries begins in Paris at the Foreign Ministry on December 17th, after the official reception of President Wilson. The British representatives are Mr. Lloyd George, Mr. Bonar Law, Mr. Balfour and Mr. Barnes, the Italian representatives Signor Orlando and Baron Sonnino, France's representatives are three members of the Government to whom will be added a fourth negotiator outside the Cabinet. The work of the Inter-Allied conference will be finished about January 15th, and peace preliminaries properly so called will then begin with the German plenipotentiaries. The final treaty may be signed by the end of April or beginning of May.—Havas.

## SUPREME COURT.

### Ferry Company Reduces Capital.

In the Supreme Court this morning, before Sir William Rice Davies, K. C. (Chief Justice),

petition was made by the Kan Lung Sui Yau Kai Ferry Company for confirmation by the Court of reduction of its capital.

Mr. C. G. Alabaster, O. B. E., instructed by Mr. F. B. L. Bowley, of Messrs. Dwyers and Bowley, appeared on behalf of the petitioner.

Mr. Alabaster said:—The petition sets out, inter alia, that the objects for which the Company was established were (a) to acquire and take over from the Sui Yau Kai Steam Lunch Company the business of running ferry launches from Sham Shui Po and Mong Kok Tsi to Victoria, Hongkong;

to run ferries within the territorial waters of the Colony of Hongkong, including the New Territories, and other objects set forth in the memorandum of association. The capital of the Company is \$30,000 divided into 6,000 shares of \$5 each. Shortly after its incorporation, the Company commenced and has since carried on business. The Company has issued all its shares—6,000, of which 2,705 were issued as fully paid up, but ranking for dividend at \$3.33 per share only being for consideration for transfer of the assets of the Sui Yau Kai Steam Lunch Company, and the remaining 3,295 shares were issued payable in cash and the sum of \$5 per share has been fully paid up on each 3,295 shares. By its memorandum of association, the Company is authorized, from time to time, to reduce its capital and by clause 44 of the articles of association, comprised in Table A in the first schedule of the Companies Ordinance, 1911, which apply to the Company, it is provided that the Company may, by special resolution, reduce its capital in any manner and with and subject to any incident authorized and consent required by law. By special resolution of the Company, duly passed and confirmed in accordance with Section 70 of the Companies Ordinance 1911 at an extraordinary general meeting thereof held on the 14th and 29th days of November 1918, respectively, it was resolved:—

"That the capital of the Company now consisting of \$30,000 divided into 6,000 fully paid up ordinary shares of \$5 each, be reduced to \$4,800 divided into 6,000 fully paid up ordinary shares of 80 cents each by the cancellation of \$25,000 capital which has been lost or is unrepresented by available assets."

Previously to the passing of such special resolution paid up capital of the Company to the extent of \$25,200 had been lost or was unrepresented by available assets. The reduction of the capital does not involve either the diminution of any liability in respect of unpaid capital or the payment to any shareholder of any paid up capital. The terms of the minute proposed to be registered are as follows:—

The capital of the Kan Lung Sui Yau Kai Ferry Company Limited, and reduced, henceforth of \$4,800 divided into 6,000 shares of 80 cents each instead of the original capital of \$30,000 into 6,000 shares of \$5 each. At the time of register at registration of this minute the sum of 80 cents has been and is to be deemed to be paid up on each of the said shares. Your petitioners therefore humbly pray that the reduction of the Capital be effected by the special resolution mentioned in paragraph 3 of this petition may be confirmed and that the above mentioned minute may be approved by the Court. That addition of the words "and reduced" to the

Company's name may be dispensed with altogether, or that such other order may be made in the premises as to the Court shall seem meet. The Capital will at once be increased to \$124,800.

Continuing, Mr. Alabaster said the petition was supported by an affidavit.

His Lordship:—I do not require that I went into that fully in Chambers. There are only two points—one is there is only one creditor, the Fook Wai Banking and Insurance Company and they have consented to the reduction, and second, the reduction does not involve any diminution of any liabilities?

Mr. Alabaster:—That is the object of the reduction of capital in this case is they intend to issue further capital and they wish to bring the existing capital into line with their assets under section 52, subsection 3 of the Companies Ordinance. Mr. Alabaster suggested that an advertisement be inserted in the Government Gazette and in one well-known Chinese paper.

His Lordship:—Are there any English creditors?

Mr. Alabaster:—No, my Lord. The petition was granted.

## IN LIGHTER VEIN.

The Humour of the Police Courts.

There is great scarcity in the land although not as acute as when Joseph was in Egypt. Nevertheless, if no check is exercised on this torrent of Chinese immigration into Hongkong, European mothers may at no distant date find that they must urge their little children: "Things in all countries are bad and the consensus of Police opinion is that it will grow much worse before it becomes better. About seven Robbing little children from the arms of an amah is quite a new profession of the Hongkong thief and one such pathetic case was unfolded this morning, before Mr. J. R. Wood.

It shows that for a smart bit of thieving our Chinese baby-stealers will require some beating. Mothers, in future don't send your children out for an airing without taking a leaf from the experiences of a Chinese step-mother who is to-day abundantly paying in tears for this mistake.

The case that is related here is so complex that it is doubtful whether it was not worked up so successfully by a study of cinema plots. The facts of the case are as follows: A certain Chinese woman adopted a male child for five years whom she brought from her country. She settled in Hongkong a month ago and resided at Lower Macao Road. With her lived another woman, who was in the habit of taking the child out for a walk. On Sunday evening she took the child out and did not return. The mother, becoming suspicious, went out into the streets to search for the child and found the woman in Hollywood Road. She asked her where the boy was and she replied that someone had stolen him from her by means of a trick. She explained the trick, which is one of the cleverest on record. When this woman, whom to avoid confusion we will call the amah, was giving the child his airing a Chinese came up to her and accused her of having kidnapped the child and requested her to accompany him to the Police Station. On the way to the Station another Chinese stopped them and asked what was wrong. The amah said that she was wrongly accused by her accomplice as having stolen the child. This Solomon suggested that the amah should go with the male-believe Chinese policeman to ascertain the truth of her statement, while she left the child.

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with him in Hollywood Road. This was agreed to between the amah and the sham policeman and on the way the amah found that the latter had disappeared. She returned to Hollywood Road, and lo! the child and the other man were gone. The child could not be found.

This morning the amah and another woman were charged before Mr. Wood. The charge against the second defendant was that she was go-between for "a" child with the first defendant and another person who wanted to buy "a" child. The second defendant in perjured a piano-tuner at Messrs. Anderson's, but he proved an alibi. Inspector Terrett asked for a week's remand, bail being fixed at \$25 for the second defendant.

Mr. Wood the Law-Enlightener.

It must be somewhat flattering to Mr. J. R. Wood that he should be consulted on intricate points of law. His opinion was sought this morning by Mr. A. E. Wright, of the Public Works Department, on the interpretation of section 165 of the Building Ordinance. There was some difference on the word "industrial establishment." Does "industrial establishment" include works going on in a dwelling house where hands are employed in the day and at night and having latrine accommodation? Mr. Wood's view was canvassed with regard to a certain nuisance. Mr. Wood said the nuisance to be substantial must come under section 38, subsection 4.

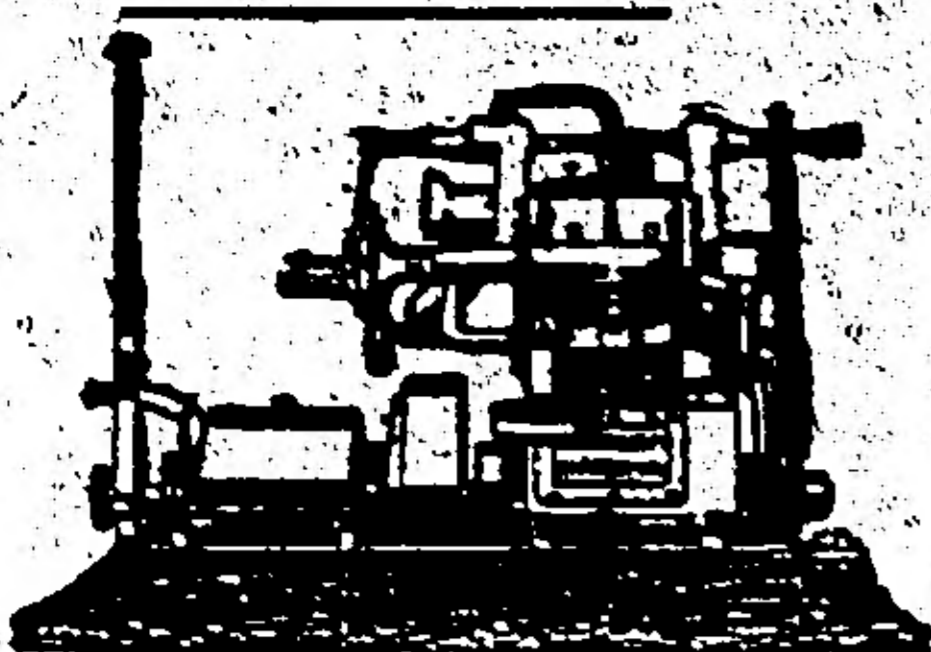
Smoke Nuisance.

The flaring way the Chinese landlady disobey the instructions of the Building authorities must be apparent to any one who goes through the local papers. Times without number these landlords are prosecuted and in every case they pay well for their obstinacy. One Chinese landlord refused to construct a flue. He constructed a chimney in the kitchen, but failed to provide it with a flue. The smoke nuisance in the Colony is, no doubt, acute and we are pleased to see that the Sanitary authorities are taking action. Mr. Wright insisted on having the construction of the chimney altered and also demanded a plan from this Chinese defendant. The Magistrate concurred and fined him \$25. Now there will be no disobedience. The fire will do its work.

Cubicle-Renting Thieves.

Any rambler through Chinatown will be at once impressed by the way Chinese inmates protect themselves under barred doors from impostor thieves. In spite of this, thieves in broad daylight succeed in carrying out their depredations by representing themselves as postmen, landlords, Sanitary employees, etc. To the swollen list of such victims has to be added the residents of 59, Hawo Street. Yesterday at 10.30 a.m. while the inmates were having their breakfast, some one knocked at the door. When asked who he was, the man said he heard there was a cubicle to let and he wanted to rent it. "Open the door," was the demand, and three men armed with knives rushed into the cubicle of a married woman. One man got hold of her by the throat and another man bound her hands behind her knees, while the third took a wooden peg and put it in her mouth. The four other inmates were similarly treated, and then the robbers commenced to bury themselves with their mission. The cubicle-renting thieves then ransacked the room and made away with jewellery valued at \$105. These robbers will not be seen in this locality for at least sometime, as they have quite sufficient to meet the future with equanimity after paying their sundry bills.

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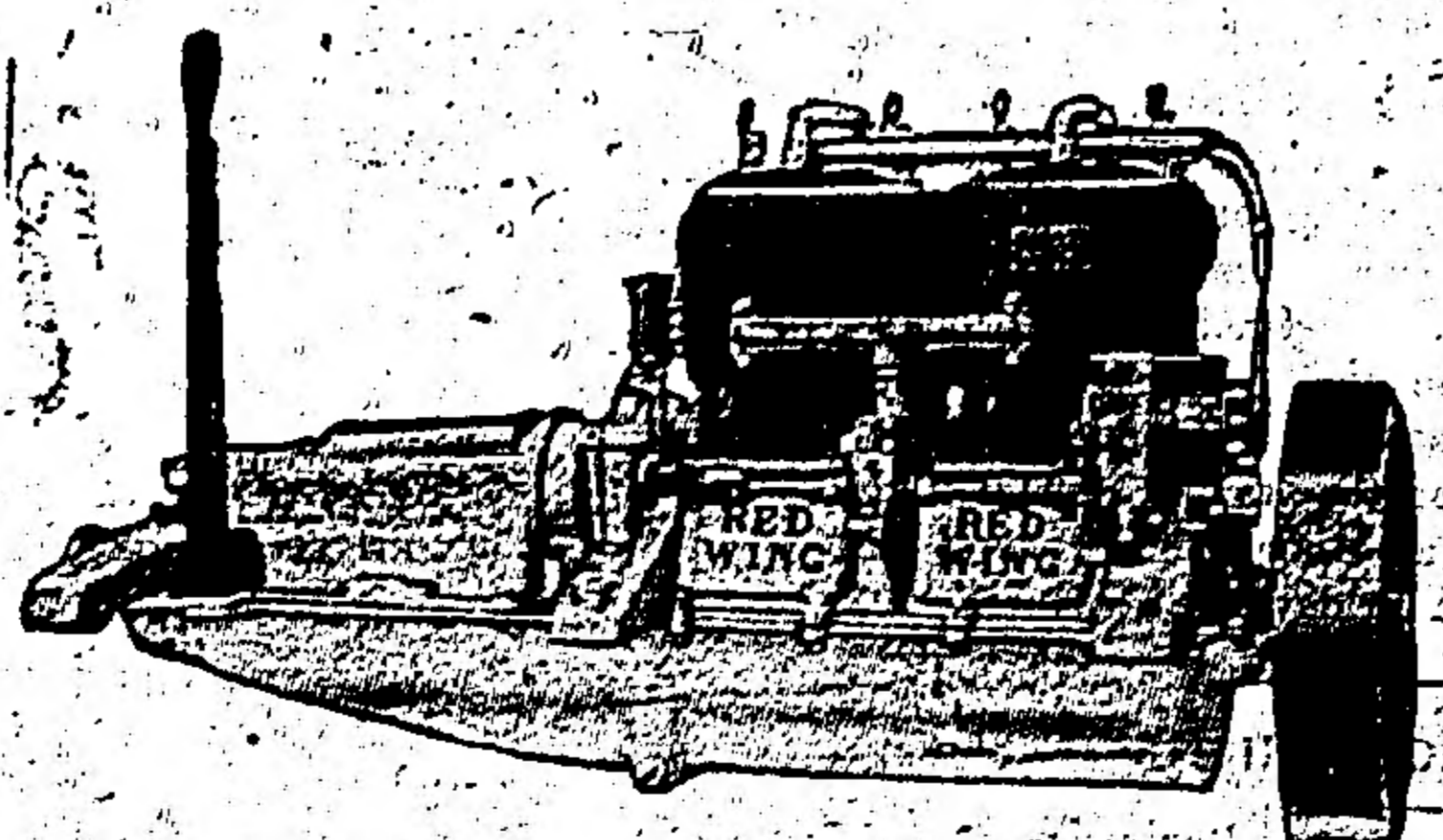
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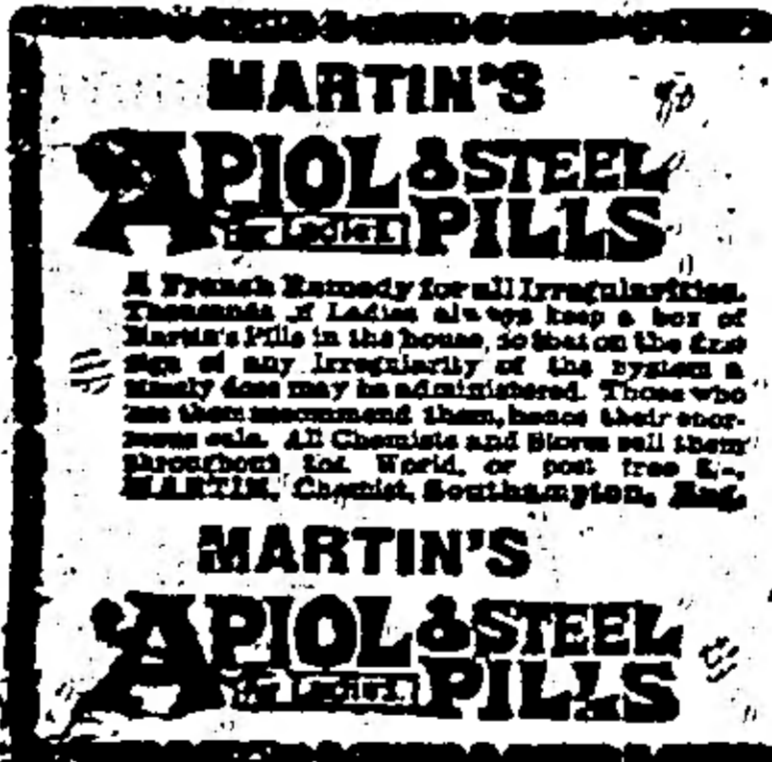
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## GENERAL NEWS.

### Nelson Day Celebrations.

On the occasion of the annual  
celebration of Nelson Day in  
London on Oct. 20th last, the  
Navy League received messages  
from leading public men includ-  
ing Admiral Viscount Jellicoe,  
who wrote: "The events of the  
present year have emphasized  
to an exceptional degree the  
supreme value of sea-power, not  
only to the British Empire, but to  
the Allied cause as a whole. It  
is sea-power alone that has made  
it possible to bring to and  
maintain in the main theatre of  
the war on the western front that  
great United States army which  
has turned the scale of battle. It  
is sea-power also that has made  
possible the recent great victories  
in Palestine and Macedonia."

Driver as Labour Candidate.  
Mr. Charles Harris, of Colwick,  
near Nottingham, a goods driver  
on the Great Northern Railway,  
has been selected as Labour  
candidate for the Rushcliffe  
Division of Nottinghamshire at  
the General Election.

### The Ex-Service Man.

The Ex-Service Man, a for-  
tightly publication edited by  
Captain H. H. Baird, D.S.O.,  
in the interests of ex-Service  
officers and men, makes a good  
beginning with articles by Lady  
Haig, Mr. John Galeworthy, Sir  
Edward Bethune, and Mr. Edgar  
Wallace. It aims at independ-  
ence, is not connected with any  
society for discharged soldiers,  
but will endeavour to serve and  
co-operate with them all. It is  
not financed by anyone, and  
hopes to live by being bought by  
ex-Service men.

### The Canadian Air Force.

The London Gazette announces  
the appointment of Lieutenant-  
Colonel W. A. Bishop, V.C.,  
D.S.O., M.C., D.F.C., as General  
Staff Officer, first grade. In this  
capacity Colonel Bishop will be  
attached to Headquarters, Cana-  
dian, London, for the purpose  
of organising and training the  
newly authorised Canadian Air  
Force. An impression was created  
by the formal announcement re-  
cently of his promotion that  
Colonel Bishop was being  
transferred from the Royal Air  
Force to the Canadian Cavalry.  
This is not the case. Colonel  
Bishop originally belonged to  
the Canadian Cavalry, being  
seconded to the Royal Air Force  
from that unit. His seconding  
to the Royal Air Force was can-  
celled and his promotion  
gazetted as in the Cavalry,  
pending his appointment  
just made to the General Staff.  
There has never been any  
suggestion of the Canadian  
authorities not availing them-  
selves of Colonel Bishop's mag-  
nificent flying record, which  
with his practical experience  
will prove in his new sphere of  
activity an inspiration to every  
officer and man of the Canadian  
Air Force.

### Our Market in Brazil.

An investigation into the pro-  
spects for the engineering  
industry in Brazil is being under-  
taken by the Government  
through the Department of Over-  
seas Trade, the cost being shared  
with the British Engineers'  
Association. The investigator,  
whose name will be announced  
shortly, will spend probably 12  
months in Brazil, and his reports  
will cover the whole field open to  
engineering enterprises.

Link with Sir Walter Scott.  
Miss Beatrice Thomson, a native  
of Maxton, Scotland, has just  
completed her 100th year, and  
still enjoys good health. She is  
the last survivor of the family of  
the Rev. Mr. Thomson, minister  
of Maxton Parish Church. Her  
grandfather, the Rev. Dr. Douglas  
of Galashiels, sold to Sir Walter  
Scott the ground on which  
Abbotsford was erected. Dr.  
Douglas was on most intimate  
terms with Sir Walter.

Chair of Italian.  
Mr. Arthur Benson, 36, York-  
terrace, Regent's Park, N.W., has  
offered a gift of £20,000 to be  
divided between the University  
of Oxford and Cambridge for the  
foundation of a chair of Italian in  
each institution. This generous  
offer has been conveyed through  
Mr. Edward Maiton, editor of the  
Anglo-Italian Review, and the  
Vice-Chancellors of the two Uni-  
versities have expressed their  
cordial appreciation of the offer.

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## GENERAL NEWS.

## American War Contracts.

U.S. Government war contracts involving hundreds of dollars have been rendered of doubtful status by a decision of the Comptroller of the Treasury that orders are not legally executed unless actually signed by responsible government contracting agents and the contractors. He refused his approval for a cancellation of all agreement, with no loss to contractors, whereby it was proposed to abandon thousands of war supply contracts. Many of the contracts affected were given over the telephone.

## Japanese Royal Betrothal.

The Imperial sanction to the betrothal of Prince Yi of Korea to Princess Masako Nashimoto is published. The marriage will take place on Jan. 21, 1919.

## Liquor Traffic in Africa.

Whatever may be the fate of Germany's possessions in Africa the Powers to whom the destinies of the natives will be confided will have seriously to take in hand the problem of the liquor traffic. In a pamphlet issued by the Native Races and the Liquor Traffic United Committee, Captain Harford, B.A.M.C., argues that the time has come for the termination of the traffic, the war having made possible what otherwise would have been a difficult and delicate problem to solve. The Allies have the matter in their hands. France has been active in recent years in dealing with the spirits trade. Belgium has declared for prohibition in the Congo, and no difficulties are likely to be raised by Italy, Portugal, or Spain. Enough injury has been done to the natives by Dutch and German gin, and if the future is to be made tolerable for them, Captain Harford contends, there must be no substitution of cheap British spirits for German or Dutch. All alcoholic liquors must be banished.

## Officers' Widows Housing Scheme.

The King and Queen have each subscribed £100 to the funds of the Housing Association for Officers' Families, following a visit which the Queen made to St. Mark's Court, St. John's Wood, where the association has provided its first block of flats for officers' widows and disabled officers. The association at present has under construction a block of 16 flats at Hampstead, and has purchased six houses at Cheltenham, which also will be converted into flats. It has been practically decided to acquire blocks of houses for the same purpose at seaside places where there are good educational facilities for the children.

## Man-Woman's Secret.

An old man of 73, known as Ferdinand Hansen, recently had a seizure in the main street of Leeds. When he was taken to the infirmary a secret that had been kept for 30 years was revealed. The old man was really a woman. Though similar cases will be recalled, the length of this masquerade is remarkable. Hansen was reputed to be a Dane, and had lodged for seven years with a Mrs. Green, who never suspected the secret. The lodger told of a wealthy sister living in Hamburg, and Mrs. Green was led to believe she would benefit through Hansen. The supposed man worked in Leeds and Dewsbury as a chemist's assistant. "He was a heavy pipe-smoker," said Mrs. Green, "and always behaved like a gentleman. He spoke several languages, and told me he was a widower, having married in America."

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**Dora's Latest.**  
At Liverpool recently two young girls charged with loitering near the American camp for the purpose of talking to men were bound over. It was stated this was first case under the new Dora Order.

**A Big American Warship.**  
The lifting of the U. S. censor-ship has revealed that one great superdreadnought, authorized in 1916 in the three-year building programme is well advanced. The keel of the 23,600 ton battleship was laid after the country went to war and despite the call upon the yard for 32 destroyers and submarines the vessel progressed satisfactorily. It will mount sixteen-inch guns and naval officials believe it will equal if not be superior to any warship afloat.

## STARVATION IN PETROGRAD.

Infant Mortality 50 Per Cent.

Infant mortality in Petrograd has increased to fifty per cent. School statistics show from fifty-seven to eighty-seven per cent. of the enrolled children are absent on account of sickness. The situation is growing worse daily and the juvenile population of Petrograd will practically be wiped out this winter unless food is provided from foreign countries.

Figures on adult mortality are not available, but according to Capt. William B. Webster, of the American Red Cross, who has just arrived here from Petrograd, starvation is claiming thousands,

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In Moscow the situation is slightly better than in Petrograd, but there it also is critical. In peacetime the infant mortality in Petrograd was twenty-five per cent, but now there is an absolute lack of milk and grain and proper mother's food. There are 75,000 homeless children, in charge of Madame Lelans, Petrograd Commissioner of Social Welfare, and President Iverdloff, of the Russian Red Cross, who are facing starvation, in Petrograd alone. Many of these children are orphans while others were turned over to the commune by their parents who were unable to feed them. These children are housed in hotels, barracks, and other institutions in Petrograd. None is over fifteen years of age while the majority are under ten.

American Help.  
Last winter the American Red Cross provided tinned milk for 50,000 children in Petrograd and Captain Webster is now endeavoring to arrange to feed the Petrograd children next winter in co-operation with the Danish Minister, Skarvum, at Petrograd, who proposes that shipments of milk and other food from Denmark be forwarded on Danish

ships under the protection of the Danish Red Cross. Relief through this plan must come within one month as the Finnish Bay will then freeze and shipments will be impossible by other means unless the political and military conditions change.

Madame Lelans and M. Iverdloff have given the American and Danish Red Cross officials written guarantee that milk and other children's food will not go to the population other than children, and that they have adequate funds to pay for supplies and the cost of distribution under proper precautions. The satisfactory distribution to needy children was made last winter through the same channels by the American Red Cross without abuse. It is estimated that the number of children who will be public charges in Petrograd before the end of winter will be 140,000.

The cholera epidemic is under control in Petrograd, but there are numerous deaths from starvation attributed to cholera, causing alarming rumors that there is a continuation of the epidemic.

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## The Hongkong Telegraph.

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### THE BOOMERANG

Germany has taken another step in the path of ruin and destruction, for Bolshevism has already begun its terrible work. As yet the situation is not clear, but disturbances are reported all over the country, but especially in Berlin, where, as far as can be seen, there have been two movements lately—on one hand an attempt by the Spartacus group to seize power, and on the other, on effort on the part of the Military to suppress the Socialist Extremists. Herr Liebknecht, the Socialist, who was imprisoned for his fearless criticism of the Government earlier in the war, has placed himself at the head of the Spartacus group, and has threatened to raise an overwhelming wave of Bolshevism which will run from Berlin to the Rhine, carrying everything before it. He boasted a few days ago that he held Berlin in the hollow of his hand, but his first attempt to demonstrate this fact has been disastrous, by all accounts. His forces, armed with machine guns and bombs, were utterly cut up and put to flight, leaving behind a great number of killed and wounded.

To read of these happenings in Berlin makes us think of the days of terror in Russia, when Bolshevism and anarchy ran amok, slaughtering and spoiling at their will, and it seems as if Germany is facing the same terrible fate. The Spartacus leader has stated that he intends to rally his forces, so the Bolshevik element, although dispersed for the moment, remains a fearful menace to the remaining fragments of the German Empire. It is not only in Berlin that these outbreaks are occurring. From every part of the country, disturbances and fighting are reported, and the complete dismemberment of Germany can not be far off. We read of demonstrations at Munich in which returned troops, headed by officers with the Imperial flag, paraded the streets, demanding the convocation of the National Assembly; we read of grave disorders at Mayence, where military stores have been looted and several casualties resulted; a meeting in Cologne has decided to proclaim an independent Republic in Rhineland and Westphalia; in every town and village throughout the country, there are being formed different assemblies, all demanding different things.

On the top of all this, there has been issued a German official Note stating that the country is on the verge of famine, is not this miserable picture of a ruined and chaotic country a strange one when placed side by side with that of Germany four years ago? Then we saw a great and prosperous Empire with its different states welded firmly together, and with a solid national constitution. With any other people except the Germans, there was no reason why this happy state of affairs should not continue, but Germany, in her greatness, became blessed with power, and humiliation could be the only result. And now she has become another Russia. Her armies, beaten on the field of battle, return to shoot down in the streets their own countrymen; her once great constitution has given place to hundreds of petty committees and anarchical assemblies, which are even now adding bloodshed and civil strife to her already over-brimming cup of misery. Germany by intrigue and under-handness was the means of bringing upon Russia the curse of Bolshevism; and it is returning like a boomerang upon herself. Four years of war and infamy and wrong-doing have taken a terrible toll. And Germany's sufferings are only beginning.

### A Weekly Cabaret Dance.

The success of Saturday's dance at the improvised Hall on Murray Parade Ground has prompted an almost universal desire that such an event should become, at any rate during the winter months, a weekly institution in Hongkong. If the idea were carried out, and the use of the temporary Hall secured, quite a big sum of money could be raised for one or other of the many war charities that still require assistance and will continue to do so for many a month yet. During the war, while the slaughter and outrages were proceeding, there was naturally very little desire for dancing, but victory has now been attained and there is no need for that restraint which was appropriate to other days. We are now well into the dancing season; but there is still time for many such functions as were enjoyed on Saturday night. The Colony has been rather a dull place for most of us during the past four years; we are entitled to a little enjoyment now. In having it, we can also very materially aid those to whom the war has brought much suffering. The Colony can very well do, too, with a breaking down of foolish social barriers which keep large numbers of Britishers here strangers one to another. Nothing is more conducive to that end than such an event as that of Saturday. The Hall is conveniently situated, the floor is admitted to be about the finest ever laid in Hongkong, and no one would object to paying two or three dollars every Saturday night for the pleasure of using it. We sincerely trust that it may be possible to arrange that the shed may not be removed as yet, and that these informal dances become a weekly feature contributing to general enjoyment and the assistance of worthy charities.

### Art in Hongkong.

Last year, on becoming acquainted with the excellent work being done by the Hongkong Sketching Club, we urged that occasion should be taken to let the public have a better knowledge of the Club's activities by arranging to have the annual exhibition held in the City Hall, there thrown open to the general public and a small admission charge made for the benefit of a war fund. That idea has now been approved, and on Monday next there will be a display of some hundred and fifty paintings and sketches done by local artists, a big proportion of which will be on sale. From what we hear, the public is likely to be surprised at the excellence of the pictures, for hitherto the Club has—rather hidden—its light beneath a bushel and the skill of its members been unknown to any save a small circle of enthusiasts. Hongkong is a happy hunting-ground for the artist, for there are few places where so much and so varied beauty of nature can be found. Those who admire art but have not the artist's skill will now have an excellent opportunity of securing original work with a local colour which will, wherever they go, always remind them of Hongkong. And by patronizing the exhibition they will have the added pleasure of knowing that the Red Cross, to which the proceeds are to be devoted, will benefit.

### Shall We Get Him?

Now that the Allies are unanimous in their desire to bring the ex-Kaiser to trial and the Berlin Government does not oppose the demand, it will be unusually interesting to watch developments in this connection. Berlin's acquiescence in the Kaiser's demand has been notified to Holland, who will now have to come to a decision one way or the other. The next step will probably be the putting into motion of the necessary machinery for the great Wilhelm's extradition, and then we shall know what the Dutch attitude is. On this matter, it is no case of a general accusation without particular formulation of actual crime, for a specific indictment has already been preferred against the erstwhile All Highest, and to that he must be made to answer. For murder, the punishment is death. The ex-Kaiser is guilty of not one, but many, murders of the most brutal kind.

### DAY BY DAY.

WORTH MAKES THE MAN, AND WANT OF IT THE FELLOW.

#### To-morrow's Anniversary.

To-morrow is the second anniversary of the appointment of a British War Cabinet of five members.

#### The Dollar.

The opening rate of the dollar on demand to-day was 3s. 4. 7/16d.

#### A "Victory" Dinner.

On Friday next, at the Naval Theatre, a few Hongkong gentlemen are entertaining about 230 men of the Garrison to dinner, to celebrate the Allied victory.

#### "Heather Day" Pictures.

Our pictorial supplement of Saturday, comprising twelve "Heather Day" illustrations, was evidently much appreciated, as the issue met with a very large sale. We have, however, a few copies left, and those who desire any to send to their friends at Home should send in their orders early.

#### The Colony's Health.

During last week there were notified four non-fatal cases of enteric (one Japanese and three Chinese) and two occurrences of spotted fever (both Chinese), of which one ended fatally. For the 48 hours ended yesterday there were notified one fatal case of spotted fever and one non-fatal case of diphtheria, both being Chinese.

#### A Bad Summons.

Owing to a faulty summons, in which the date was wrongly given, a Chinese who was summoned under the Building Ordinance before Mr. J. R. Wood this morning was discharged. It appears that the Chinese started operations on a certain work before permission was secured by the Building Department. Mr. A. E. Wright asked his Worship whether he would allow him to alter the date on the summons, which request was denied.

#### Insurance Report.

The annual report of the South British Insurance Co., Ltd., shows that there is a surplus of \$134,274 18s. 4d. Of this sum, \$80,531 10s. 1d. has been dealt with as follows:—Reserve Fund, \$50,000; reduction of Company's office premises, \$25,000; officers' Provident and Superannuation Funds, \$5,150 10s. 1d.; sinking funds of leaseholds, \$425. Two interim dividends of 2s. 6d. per share absorb \$50,000, and after adding balance from last year there is carried to new account \$57,801 17s. 2d. Mr. S. G. Newall is the manager of the Hongkong branch of the Company.

#### U.S. Import Licences.

The American Consul General has received instructions from Washington that hereafter import licences from the War Trade Board of the United States will not be required for shipments of goods in transit through the United States from one foreign country to another. Information also has been received to the effect that the time-limit on import licences covering the entry of goods into the United States hereafter will be disregarded and a licence for import once forwarded to the Consul General will be good indefinitely provided it is not cancelled for some other reason than the expiration of the usual limit of ninety days.

#### The Loksang Relieved.

Yesterday we learned that the a.s. Loksang, while on a voyage from Haiphong to Hongkong, ran aground at Lamko, forty miles west of Hoihow, on the 5th inst., but on enquiry from Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Co. they requested us to refrain from mentioning the matter until details had come to hand. This morning we learn that the Company named has received a wireless message through the naval authorities stating that the steamer had been refloated. She is presumably proceeding to Hongkong under her own steam. To-day the a.s. Tangshing, with salvage gear aboard, left for the scene of the accident, but on receipt of the news that the Loksang had been refloated the former vessel was called back.

### LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

#### This Morning's Meeting.

A meeting of the Legislative Council was held in the Council Chamber this morning, when those present were:—

H. E. the Officer Administering the Government (H. H. Mr. Oland Silver, O.M.G.).  
The Hon. Mr. A. G. M. Fletcher, Acting Colonial Secretary.  
The Hon. Mr. J. H. Kemp, O.B.E., Attorney General.  
The Hon. Mr. A. M. Thomson, Colonial Treasurer.

The Hon. Mr. W. Chatham, Director of Public Works.  
The Hon. Mr. E. B. Hallifax, Secretary for Chinese Affairs.  
The Hon. Mr. C. M. L. Messer, O.B.E., Capt. Superintendent of Police.

The Hon. Mr. E. Pollock.  
The Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak.  
The Hon. Mr. D. Landale.  
The Hon. Mr. Lau On Pak.  
The Hon. Mr. Ho Fook.  
The Hon. Mr. S. H. D. Well.  
Mr. A. Dyer Ball (Clerk of Council).

**Financial Votes.**  
Among the financial minutes referred to the Finance Committee and subsequently approved were the following:—

\$2,000 in aid of the vote.—Public Works, Recurrent, Kowloon, Miscellaneous, (34) typhoon and rainstorm damages \$1,000; New Territories, Miscellaneous, (45) typhoon and rainstorm damages \$1,000.

\$2,600 in aid of the vote.—Kowloon-Canton Railway, special expenditure, typhoon and rainstorm damages.

\$4,458 in aid of the vote.—Public Works, Extraordinary, Hongkong, communication, (6) roads, (c) Path from May Road Station to Tregunter Mansions.

\$2,600 in aid of the vote.—Public Works, Extraordinary, erection of a car shelter at Deep Water Bay.

\$5,000 in aid of the vote.—Public Works, Extraordinary, New Territories, miscellaneous, telephonic communication with outlying islands.

\$5,400 in aid of the vote.—Public Works, Extraordinary, Hongkong, communication, (5) Roads: (b) Tyam Tak to Tyam Gap, new road from north end of Tyam Tak Dam to Tyam Gap.

\$6,000 in aid of the vote.—Public Works, Recurrent, New Territories, buildings, (37), maintenance of buildings.

\$36,280 in aid of the following votes:—Miscellaneous Services, Language Study Allowance, \$150; New Government Offices, Electric fans and light, \$650; rent allowance, \$17,460; Stationery, \$13,000.

\$10,000 in aid of the vote.—Public Works, Recurrent, Hongkong, lighting, (10) gas lighting, city and suburban and Hill District.

\$33,807 9d in aid of the vote.—Public Works, Extraordinary, Kowloon, Miscellaneous, Resumption of Kowloon Marine Lot No. 83 and Kowloon Island, Lot No. 1178.

\$1,208 in aid of the Public Works, Extraordinary, Kowloon, miscellaneous, (38) shelter in children's playground.

\$5,000 in aid of the vote.—Public Works, Extraordinary, buildings, erection of a pavilion for the Police Recreation Club.

**Arms Ordinance.**  
The Hon. Attorney General moved the first reading of a Bill to amend the Arms and Ammunition Ordinance, 1900.

This bill amends the definition of the term "arms" in the principal Ordinance so as to make it include air guns. There have been recent cases in Hongkong where injury has been caused by the use of air guns. One case resulted in the loss of an eye.

The Bill was read a first time.

**Appeal for Serbian Refugees.**  
The Hongkong Branch of the Queen Mary's Needlework Guild appeals to the Colony on behalf of some hundreds of Serbian refugees—men, women and children—about to pass through Hongkong on their way back to their own country, where they will be repatriated. These people have been destitute and articles of any description—clothes, blankets, bedding and toys for the children—will be welcomed. Donations should be sent to the City Hall, and the attention of the Hon. Mr. J. H. Kemp, O.B.E., Attorney General, should be called to the fact that the Guild is a body of women and children.

### AN ISLANDER'S DIARY.

Oh! what some power the gifts are  
To see ourselves as others see us!  
It was free many a blunder free us  
And foolish notion.

After and as indulgence in twilight fancies and moonlit contemplation of midnight oil, I am going to construct a weekly sermon in mimetic form, the moral of which will be:

The right righteousness is a fool.  
The right wisdom is a fool.

There are times when Hongkong becomes an absolute vacuum and I have to apologise for an absence of rich material for comment. An average week in Hongkong yields little to the collector of unconsidered trifles. We are not at present suffering from a surfeit of exciting events. The journalistic dog days will soon be over and our papers will soon be full of yearly reports, meetings, etc. While on this subject I may state how it has struck globe trotters that Hongkong journals (the Hongkong Telegraph excluded) take in each other's washing.

The talk of giving every reader and subscriber of the Hongkong Telegraph (I hope the Editor will excuse my revealing a scheme which is under consideration) a free motor car ride once a week would be splendid. Our jaded denizens who subscribe to the H. T. will have the pleasure of getting a spin in a roomy car down West Point or any other place they choose.

There will be an opportunity of "eating the air" (as the Indian would say "Harra Khara") although we trust that no one will eat the influenza microbe. I mention that the "stunt" will be copyrighted. All rights are, therefore, invested with the Telegraph.

The weather now is very pleasant though milder than usual for this time of the year. We have not been ushered into the cold spell as yet. We have had so much rain this year (101.47 inches against an average of 82.16 inches) that weather ages predict a decent fall in the barometer.

The season is a healthy one. As far as is learned from the daily communiques from the M. O. office, public health is good and should cause no anxiety.

Mr. Bartie Hale left Hongkong last week for England with Mrs. Hale. His conferees and fellow journalists combined to give him a send off, to be made up of a dinner at the Hongkong Hotel, a presentation and a symposium of laudation, but it had to be abandoned owing to the unexpected alteration in the date of departure. Vice versa.

The citizens of this beautiful Isle, who have been asked to subscribe to numerous war charities, have to put their hands in their pockets to help local institutions which have been badly hit by the war; lastly they have to continue the subscriptions they began before the war to causes, religious, social and political, both here and at home.

There are some who are making enough money to meet all these demands without feeling the heavier strain on their charity, but there are others who are losing and have to pay more for food and other necessities in spite of a stationary income. There are so many causes that appeal for subscriptions—there is a new one every month or so—that many are forced to reduce their private giving. This is what a Hongkong citizen would rather not do. An institution that deserves our support is the Society of St. Vincent de Paul and on Sunday its appeal for pecuniary assistance did not fall on deaf ears. The Society deserves our whole-hearted support because it gives aid to the poor of the Colony without any distinction of creed or colour. Cast they bread upon the waters and it shall return after many days.

Considering the means at their disposal the good that the Society of St. Vincent de Paul—a body in regard to which the majority of the people locally know little more than that it holds an annual bazaar and issues a yearly report—is accomplishing. The annual fee in the Society's chief source of

### TO-DAY'S MISCELLANY.

In an out-of-the-way town in New South Wales an argument about the Free Trade principles of a certain politician led to a dispute. To settle it and also to decide the winner of a bet arising out of the matter, a telegram was sent to the Sydney Bulletin. It ran, "Was Parkes personally a Free-trader? Reply paid." The Bulletin, which is known as the Punch of Australia, replied, "Either a Free-trader or a liar." The Sydney Post Office authorities considered the phraseology of this message for 24 hours, and then decided the language was unsuitable for the wires. So the Bulletin tried again, and this time the message was accepted. "He said he was a Free-trader. But remember he was also a politician," was sent off immediately to the disputants.

There are gods and goddesses of disease throughout the East. Probably Asael, the Angel of the Lord, was one of the company. Mostly they are female deities, like Situla who brings the small-pox, and the Great Slayer who ravages Hindustan with cholera. The good people of Kobe attribute the present epidemic to a minor sort of spirit—that of a maiden who was unfortunate in her love affairs and committed *shinju*. To commit *shinju* is generally supposed to confer on the actors in the tragedy the privilege of being together in the next world, but Japanese women disappointed in love seem to lose their patience and gentleness after death and come back malignant and spiteful. Whether this is consistent with the attainment of the object of the double suicide it would take an expert eschologist to decide.

American newspaper proprietors are apt to do unconventional things, so one ought not, perhaps, to be surprised at an announcement recently made by the San Antonio Express. That journal, which exerts a strong influence in Texas and neighboring States, has set aside \$20,000 as an anti-lynching fund. Out of this sum \$200 will be paid to each person causing the arrest, with subsequent conviction and punishment, of any person instrumental in lynching a negro or in arousing a mob to commit such a lynching. A reward of \$100 is similarly offered when the victim is not a negro. The difference is due to the fact that a large majority of lynchings, in America, belong to the former class, and it is therefore thought that the larger reward should be applied in the case of the more widespread evil. Not only private persons but officials are eligible. The offer is to apply to all parts of the United States, and will hold good for a period of five years at least.

### TRAMWAY RETURNS.

The following is the approximate statement of the Hongkong Tramway Company's traffic receipts for the week ending 7th December, 1918:—

	Receipts for week.	Aggregate Receipts for 49 weeks.
This Year:—	\$13,803	878,750
Last Year:—	12,051	659,660
Increase:—	1,752	219,090
Decrease:—		

revenue and the money it provides has to be doled out throughout the year. This year the fare was the most successful for 50 years and over \$6,000 has been given by the public for relieving distress and placing the sufferers in a better position to provide for themselves in the future. Thus the Society begs and gives.

The Management of the Hongkong Hotel evidently believes in "suspicious charms" for they have planted four idols—two near the entrance, from Peking Street and two further in, near the bar—on the main staircase. From curious to know whether any lady or gentleman has had a "charm" from Fortune after seeing these little idols.

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Box No.	Amount.
1	\$ 24.50
2	35.20
3	36.10
4	66.50
5	27.30
6	41.20
7	32.70
8	40.50
9	23.90
10	12.62
11	25.50
12	12.70
13	60.30
14	37.00
15	14.60
16	50.50
17	37.60
18	29.75
19	15.30
20	90.70
21	22.30
22	14.25
23	14.20
24	32.70
25	29.00
26	19.70
27	85.85
28	39.71
29	302.90
30	38.85
31	112.90
32	29.10
33	190.90
34	20.20
35	21.00
36	27.05
37	40.20
38	110.35
39	33.10
40	23.70
41	34.30
42	64.54
43	25.90
44	79.50
45	37.78
46	17.28
47	268.25
48	40.00
49	1.00
50	43.10
51	25.10
52	25.61
53	29.40
54	40.72
55	24.21
56	21.50
57	25.05
58	27.06
59	34.16
60	16.35
61	49.90
62	66.60
63	64.50
64	66.50
65	91.85
66	1.30
67	168.10
68	75.00
69	114.20
70	29.00
71	25.60
72	47.65
73	37.45
74	3.00
75	16.60
76	3.00
77	53.90
78	63.60
79	68.10
80	95.10
81	27.40
82	18.50
83	28.00
84	21.25
85	17.40
86	11.30
87	54.60
88	72.50
89	85.75
90	64.55
91	22.75
92	125.30
93	40.50
94	48.60

Proceeds of Foreign Money 75.92  
Total \$11,844.24 and 620

## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FETE.

### Complete List of Helpers.

Below we give a complete revised list of the helpers at Sunday's Fete arranged on behalf of the St. Vincent de Paul Society:—

Admission tickets.—Mr. F. Fisher, Mr. Max dos Remedios, Mr. N. G. Marques.

Lucky Wheel.—Mrs. Boniger, Mrs. Sullivan, Sergt. Major Hughes, Sergeant Kernan.

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10 Cents Stall.—Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Noronha with kind assistance of Mr. and Mrs. P. V. Botelho.

Mrs. E. H. and Miss Bishop, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. L. B. Itto, Mrs. J. M. Alves, Messrs. Barton, D. A. and B. Barrio, G. A. Vaz, A. F. Remedios, P. O. Rosa, Misses X. vier, Sonbom, Mrs. Neisson, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Xavier, Mr. Gill, Mrs. V. C. Rocha, Miss Xavier, Miss Ferreira, the Misses J. M. Noronha and E. Xavier, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. S. Rosario.

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Decorations.—Messrs. W. Coughlan, Max dos Remedios, F. Dillon, Chief Petty Officer Sullivan, Mr. O'Neil, Mr. Danavon, Mr. Calanda, Mr. Kerne, and some friends from Army and Navy.

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Afternoon Tea 3-7 p.m.—Misses Mollie Gomes, L. Xavier, Elsa Alves, Elsa Rosa Silva, L. Montalto Jesus, Irene Remedios, Maria Noronha, the Misses Gutierrez, Maria Emilia Alves Mercedes Rosario.

Tea Room.—Mrs. Jordan with kind assistance of Mrs. Draper, Mrs. Maitland, Mrs. Redmond, Mrs. Hankey, Mrs. Singer, M. S. Middleton Smith, Mrs. Osmund, the Misses Angel Osmund and Butterfield.

Aunt Sally.—Messrs. Kirby, Stephens, Edmonson, Honshin, assisted by the Misses Lysaught, Oke and Sweetball.—Misses Asteria Gutierrez, Julia Soares, Mr. F. P. V. Soares.

Among the Vice Presidents of the Council of the Society is Mr. James D. Osmund, whose name was omitted yesterday.

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## SHIPPING NEWS.

## Shipowner's Gift.

Mr. J. C. Gould, shipowner and  
exporter of Cardiff and London,  
has sent a cheque for 1,000  
guineas to the Prince of Wales  
Hospital (Cardiff) for Limbless  
Soldiers, to endow a bed. Mr. J.  
C. Gould has now taken residence  
at "Ty-y-Maen," St. Mellons,  
while he has given his house at  
Radyr, near Cardiff, as a hostel  
for wounded soldiers.

Hot Bulb Motors for Trading  
Vessels.

The owner of the sailing trader  
realises to-day more than ever  
the advantages of auxiliary  
power, and particularly the  
suitability of the hot bulb motor  
to full lined vessels of over 100  
tons carrying capacity. In  
fishing craft the paraffin install-  
ation undoubtedly holds the field  
notwithstanding the high cost of  
fuel, and rightly too, as the  
fishing boat, no matter what size  
she be, has a clean cut under-  
body, which allows of a moderate  
speed paraffin engine giving out  
its maximum efficiency.

## A New Motor Ship.

The first of four large full-  
powered wooden motor ships to  
be constructed by the Sloan  
Shipyard Corporation, of Olympia,  
Wash., U.S.A., to the order of  
the Australian Government, set  
off recently on her maiden  
voyage to the Antipodes. The  
Cethana is propelled by two six-  
cylinder McIntosh Diesels of 500  
b.h.p., each driving twin screws.  
The engines, are of the four-cycle  
type, and develop their power at  
186 r.m.p.

Petrol Ships for South Seas.

There has been completed at  
Oakland, San Francisco, a large  
three-masted auxiliary for trade  
among the islands of the South  
Seas. Palawana, as the vessel  
is called, is 172 feet in length,  
and has a deadweight carrying  
capacity of 1,400 tons. She is  
fitted with two 110 h.p. Union  
petrol motors, driving twin  
screws.

## Naval Architect's Death.

The death took place recently  
at Leith, of Mr. John Rennie,  
naval architect, who, throughout  
a long lifetime was closely  
associated with ship design and  
construction—wood, composite,  
iron, steel, and concrete—on the  
 Clyde, and in other centres  
throughout the United Kingdom  
and Ireland, while for a number  
of years he occupied the position  
of Naval Constructor and  
Instruction for the Chinese  
Government at Shanghai. Close  
upon 50 years ago he was chief  
draughtsman with the firm of  
Scott and Linton, at Dumbarton,  
whose most notable production  
was the famous China clipper  
Cutty Sark, which vessel, it is  
believed, is still afloat. Mr.  
Rennie, though not the actual  
designer of this celebrated craft,  
was responsible for all calcula-  
tions connected with her sail  
area, stability, &c.

## Training Ship Wanted.

Cardiff is extremely anxious to  
secure a training ship, and the  
idea of training lads for the  
profession of the sea has the  
warm support of Sir William  
Seager, the chairman of the  
Cardiff and Bristol Channel  
Shippers' Association. "Ap-  
parently Cardiff never had a  
training school. The old Havana,  
which formed part of the convoy  
which took Napoleon to St.  
Flelena, was utilized at Cardiff  
as a training school, but was  
ultimately broken up. It is in-  
teresting to recall that the old  
Havana was subscribed for by  
the ladies of Liverpool.

## The War and Emigration.

At a recent general meeting of  
the British Passenger Agents'  
Association, representatives of  
the Australian States and leading  
steamship companies, expressed  
their unanimous approval of the  
past work of the association and  
strongly supported the claims of  
agents to effective recognition in  
the future. Sir George Perley also  
gave his support on behalf of the  
Dominion of Canada. The vice-

# HON. MR. THOMSON'S RETIREMENT.

Presentation by Civil Servants.

On the occasion of the retirement of the Hon. Mr. A. M. Thomson, Colonial Treasurer, a meeting of the senior members of the Civil Service was held in the Council Chamber, to-day, at noon.

There were present His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government (the Hon. Mr. Cland Severn, O.M.G.), Sir William Rees Davies, K.C., Mr. Justice Gompers, the Hon. Mr. A. G. M. Fletcher, the Hon. Mr. J. H. Kemp, K.C., O.B.E., Hon. Mr. E. B. Hallifax, O.B.E., the Hon. Mr. C. McI. Messer, the Hon. Mr. W. Chatham, O.M.G., Dr. J. T. C. Johnston, Mr. A. Gibson, Commander Beckwith, R.N., and Messrs A. Dyer Ball, Leo Longinotto, W. T. Tait, J. R. Wood, H. A. Nesbit, G. N. Orme, E. D. O. Wolfe, S. B. C. Ross, G. H. Wakeman, H. R. Phillips, H. P. Winslow, C. J. Claxton, R. Baker, C. J. Jeffries, J. Macdonald, P. P. J. Woodhouse, T. H. King, J. W. Frank, O. D. Melbourne, A. E. Wood, R. E. Lindell, W. Schofield, O. H. Gale, E. W. Hamilton, R. F. Bryan, T. L. Perkins and P. Jacks.

His Excellency said:—Mr. Thomson, it was felt by your colleagues in the Service that on the occasion of your retirement they would like you to have something which would remind you of the years spent by you in Hongkong, and I think it was a happy idea that led to the suggestion that the signatures of your friends should be engraved on a box made of that fickle metal that has caused our people to rise and fall and rise again during the past quarter of a century. The signatures are those with which you have been most familiar in the course of your official duties. They have been appended to minutes in which commendation and criticism have been passed on your actions; they may perhaps occasionally have been used to round off a reproachful peroration, or to ratify an expression of hearty gratitude for some unexpected liberality from a source not always sympathetic. But whatever the occasions in the past may have been, these signatures are now given into your possession as a sure token of the great regard, and I may say, the affection that is felt for you in this Service. As a comparative newcomer I am very proud to have the honour of making this presentation. Before I arrived here your name had been mentioned to me by officers in the Straits Settlements, who retained happy memories of your kindness to them when passing through their apprenticeship in these parts. Personal acquaintance has taught me to appreciate your great gifts, and I can fully share in the deep feeling of regret that is felt by the Service that the time has come for you to lay down your official pen. That you may have every happiness in your retirement is our sincere hope and you will carry with you the best wishes of the whole Service of whom you have been such a loyal and distinguished member.—(Applause.)

His Excellency then handed Mr. Thomson a silver cigarette box inscribed with the names of those present.

In reply, Mr. Thomson said:—Your Excellency and gentlemen—I am now about thirty years since I first arrived in Hongkong and I may say that two good things have happened or rather eventuated since I came here up to the present day. One qualifying fact is that I am still in fairly good health which is a state not generally

reached to the ordinary Civil Servant (Hear, hear). The second is that, judging from my reception to-day and the kind expressions used by His Excellency on your behalf, I think the second fact is that all my enemies are dead.—(Laughter). I have to tender my best thanks for your kindness and rather flattering terms used in making this presentation. It only remains for me to add that I hope you will remain satisfied and happy for the remainder of your service in this Colony and to bid you farewell.—(Applause).

Mr. E.D.C. Wolfe then called for three cheers for Mr. Thomson, which were heartily accorded with a "tiger".

## Legislative Council's Tribute.

At a meeting of the Legislative Council subsequently held, H. E. the Officer Administering the Government said:—As Honourable Members are no doubt aware Mr. Thomson, the Treasurer of the Colony, is retiring from the Public Service to-day on the expiration of 31 years' service. After a brilliant career at Aberdeen University, an institution that has given many distinguished men to the service of the Empire, Mr. Thomson was appointed a Cadet Officer at the end of the year 1887, and in accordance with the custom of that period passed nearly a year in the Colonial Office. It is more than twenty-five years since he first sat as a Member of the Executive and Legislative Councils, and for more than twenty years he has sat as Colonial Secretary and as Treasurer on both Councils continuously, which constitutes a record for any officer in the history of the Colony. It is a record of very honourable and useful service for which the Government is deeply grateful. Mr. Thomson's advice on the various financial questions that have arisen during his term of office has been of immense service to the Administration. The Colony has passed through times of difficulty when it was essential that expenditure should be carefully safeguarded, and it is much to be regretted that in these times of increased prosperity the Government will no longer have the services of an officer whose advice on the financing of many important matters now under consideration would be of the greatest assistance. The post of Treasurer is one that, apart from its heavy responsibility, demands from its holder certain rare qualities of discretion in carefully interpreting the laws under which the revenues are collected. There are matters in which even the most carefully worded enactment occasionally leaves room for ambiguity, and while guarding the public revenues Mr. Thomson has adopted a reasonable attitude which has, I think, been recognised by those members of the public with whom he has been brought into contact. By his colleagues in the Service Mr. Thomson has always been held in the highest estimation, and their personal regard for him was shown only a few minutes ago in this room when the honour fell to me of making him a presentation. In bidding farewell to him in this Council I desire on behalf of the Official and Unofficial Members to assure him that our best wishes will accompany him in his retirement, with a fervent hope that in a better climate he may be entirely restored to health and may live for many years to enjoy his well-earned repose.—(Applause.)

The Hon. Mr. R. E. Pollock said:—Your Excellency and Honourable Members.—On behalf of the unofficial members of this Council I desire to state that we associate ourselves most cordially with the sentiments with regard to the retiring Treasurer which Your Excellency has just expressed. Formerly,

## POLICE RESERVE.

The Fancy Dress Ball.

The Invitation Committee in connection with Friday's fancy dress ball will attend at the Police Reserve Club, Prince's Building, on Wednesday, December 11th, between the hours of 5 and 6 p.m., for the purpose of issuing invitation cards. The list will then close, and no invitation will be issued after December 11th.

Members and their guests are reminded that the dancing will commence at 9.15 p.m. sharp. The judging for the prizes to be presented for the most original dress made of calico will take place after the Lancers (5th dance).

A naval string band will be in attendance.

Drinks, other than those provided at supper, will be obtainable only on presentation of coupons which can be purchased at the ball. No chits will be accepted.

As acting Attorney General, and later as unofficial member of this Council I have sat in this Council for a period of over fifteen years at the same table as the Honourable member now retiring, and I can safely say during that long experience, I have never met a man who so combined qualities of sterling common sense with the faculty of going straight and direct to the very heart of the matter under discussion. (Hear, hear.) As Your Excellency has pointed out, Mr. Thomson has had a very long and distinguished period of service in this Colony. I think, and I hope I am not infringing any rule of etiquette, when I say there is a somewhat general feeling in this Colony that they would be glad if it would please His Majesty the King, to give Mr. Thomson some mark of recognition for his long and distinguished service, which you, Sir, have referred to. Mr. Thomson, in the course of his long residence in this Colony, has made a very great many friends and he will carry away with him on his departure from the Service the cordial good wishes of the members of the community.—(Hear, hear.)

The Hon. Mr. A. M. Thomson said:—Your Excellency and gentlemen.—As I remarked to Your Excellency, it is over 25 years since I first took my seat on this Council, and I am very much obliged to you for the kind expressions that have fallen from Your Excellency and my honourable friend on my left for his expressions of goodwill. My experience in the Colony has always been a happy one. Such small "accidents" as I have had have left no mark on the general good feeling which has prevailed, and it is with sorrow, and is one of the most painful moments of my life, to go away and to take leave of you. I have again to thank you for your kind words and to say farewell.—(Applause.)

His Excellency then shook hands with Mr. Thomson and the meeting terminated.

Mr. Thomson was the recipient of a further token of esteem this afternoon, at the Treasury, at half past three, when the staff of the Treasury presented him with an illuminated address containing the signatures of the Treasury assistants. The address was enclosed in a handsome morocco leather cover, which in turn rested in a blackwood silver inlaid casket.

In making the presentation, Mr. E. A. Carvalho, the chief cashier, referred to Mr. Thomson's many excellent qualities and the esteem in which he was held by all who had worked under him. They all wished him bon voyage and every happiness for the future.

Mr. Thomson suitably replied.

## OUR PEKING LETTER.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Peking, November 20.—It is difficult to write soberly these days. We are in the midst of the official Chinese and Allied victory celebrations. They commenced two days ago, and they are not over yet. Then there is the Scots Ball in Tientsin to-night which is exercising influence on the sons of Scotia who have sufficient energy left. Thursday's review of Chinese and Allied troops within the precincts of the Forbidden City is an historic event. It is certainly unparalleled within the history of this country. Some six thousand Chinese and Allied troops were drawn up in the perfectly proportioned square compound fronting the Tai-ho Hall, better known as the ancient Throne Room. As the President traversed the compound to the air of the Chinese National Anthem, he passed through an avenue of national flags. American marines held the green flag of Brazil; Portugal, as being the oldest ally of Great Britain, had its colours borne by three British soldiers; while three poilus took charge of the banner of Belgium. After the President had reached the Throne Room, the colours, to the tune of "Over There", were carried in front of the President who saluted each. This ceremony was followed by a speech from the President in which he tendered congratulations upon the victory won by the Associated Powers. This concluded the ceremony. Refreshments were served in the ancient Robing Room behind the Throne Room, and visitors did not fail to take advantage of the privilege of ascending the throne of the ancient Emperors of China.

Suggestions have been made that the stocks of opium remaining in Shanghai should not be destroyed but should be handed over to the Allies as a gift in order to meet their great medical needs. The sentiment inspiring such suggestions are no doubt, to be commended, but it is tolerably certain that Britain and America would prefer to see the staff thoroughly destroyed officially as it would create a feeling of confidence in the good faith of the Government in this matter. It is pointed out locally that special furnaces need to be used for the consumption of the drug which is difficult to destroy completely unless under great heat.

China's special Envoy, Lu Tsang-shang, leaves Peking to-morrow night via Japan for Europe. Chinese are looking forward to this event like a child awaiting Christmas. They are expecting to recover Tangkai and Weihaiwei and to be permitted control over their customs administration, forgetful of the financial interests at stake which are too vast to justify the risk of Chinese control. Meanwhile the Japanese are anxious to bestow their advice upon the Envoy and to shape Chinese policy at the Conference.

The shelters for ricksha pullers which have been so greatly appreciated by men of this poverty-stricken class are again in evidence. They provide a fairly comfortable resting place for coolies waiting for master or mistress, or waiting a fare. The local committee of philanthropically minded ladies and gentlemen have arranged an entertainment for Monday night at the Peking Pavilion by which it is hoped to raise funds to maintain existing shelters and add to their number. The appeal is made to all nationalities.

## OUR MANILA LETTER.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Manila, P.I. Dec. 6.—Governor General Francis Burton Harrison, accompanied by his brother, Mr. Archibald Harrison, and Col. Onate of the Philippine Constabulary, quietly left Manila this evening for Hilo, where they will embark on the Danish motor ship Salandia for New York, by way of the Panama Canal. Governor Harrison leaves the Philippines after six years of continuous service here, on six months' leave of absence. Persons who are close to him state that it is quite possible that he will never return to the islands in his official capacity, which is taken to mean that he will resign when he arrives at Washington. Governor Harrison came to Manila in 1913, instructed to carry out a definite and entirely new policy with regard to the Philippines. Friends and opponents of that policy generally consider that he has done the work well. While some question the rapidity with which Governor Harrison turned over the political office to Filipinos, none can deny the Philippines have made extraordinary and rapid strides toward the establishment of an autonomous Government. It is probable that the Jones Law, granting the Philippines a high degree of self-government, would never have been enacted but for Governor Harrison's efforts. At present there are few Americans, comparatively, in the Government service, with the exception of the Bureau of Education, while practically all Government Department heads are Filipinos. It is probably true that Governor Harrison's policy has encouraged the agitation for independence which has lately assumed a somewhat definite form and in behalf of which a Filipino mission will visit the United States within a month or two. Just what Governor Harrison will have to say with regard to the independence question when he arrives in Washington, is unknown, but he will undoubtedly have some suggestions for the President in regard to the matter, since he was closely in touch with the leaders of the Nacionalista Party which is now in control of the Philippine Government.

In case Governor Harrison resigns, there are several men suggested to succeed him, among them Judge Rose, Justice Carson of the Philippine Supreme Court, and Mr. Quezon. In case Mr. Quezon is chosen, it is believed that it would indicate a settlement of the independence proposition in favour of continued American control in the islands for an indefinite period.

The Atlantic Gulf and Pacific Company and the stevedoring firm of Simms and Grull are suing the owners of the Japanese steamer Kyodo Maru for 300,000 pesos, which they claim to be due for salvaging the vessel last October when it was driven upon the breakwater by heavy winds.

Dr. Alvin J. Cox, Director of the Bureau of Science, has been granted his retirement, effective from December 31, in order to return to the United States to attend private business. Dr. Cox has been in service of the Philippine Government since 1906.

The British women of Manila will hold a Christmas tree bazaar

## RICKSHA COOLIES' STRIKE.

A Recrudescence.

After a break of some six hours the ricksha coolies again went on strike yesterday, at 1.30 p.m., the trouble being confined to the Hakkas and Obichows. These two clans could not come to terms. There was some difference about the ricksha stands in Queen's Road West. No rickshas owned by these two clans plied for hire yesterday from 1.30 p.m. till the early hours of this morning, but evidently the "spheres of influence" must have been delimited for they recommenced from 7 o'clock this morning.

There were a few slight fights, but thanks to the extra Police patrols put in the Western area, there was no serious trouble.

Two coolies who assaulted another coolie in Des Voeux Road West were charged this morning before Mr. O.D. Melbourne. The complainant said the defendants mistook him for their rivals. He was a Hoklo. The case was remanded.

Alleged Theft of Coal.

Messrs. Jardine, Matheson on 21st November were victimised by the master of the junk belonging to the firm in respect of 25 tons of coal valued at \$800. The junk master's plea was that his junk was leaking and he transferred the coal to another lighter. The firm was not satisfied with this explanation and prosecuted the master. Mr. R. F. Mattingley today told Mr. J. H. Wood, that the firm did not wish to press the charge. Mr. M. K. Lo, for the defendant, said the examination proved that the boat was leaking. Captain Arthur, who made the survey, was satisfied that it was so. The defendant was discharged.

## VESSLS ARRIVED.

December 9.  
Patriot, 1604 La Beun British, C. Wan Tao, Miller & Co.  
December 10.  
Kifano Maru, 255 Mitsui Jap., C. Wan Tao, G. K. K.  
Sakai Maru, 576 Bato Jap., C. Wan Tao, C. K. K.  
Huiwa Maru, 1484 Bikanan Jap., Wakamatsu O. S. K.  
Pierre Michale, 157 Bato, French, Haiphong, Hung Fat.  
Trigonis, 1056 Vighoom, Dutch, Borneo A. Pet. Co.

## VESSLS CLEARED.

Asia for Haiphong.  
Chuen On for Haiphong.  
Tui Soe for Haiphong.  
Hok, Canton for Haiphong.  
Kento Maru for Kobe.  
Kasato for Manila.  
Sagan for Shanghai.

On Tuesday, December 10, at the home of Mrs. J. B. Bennett, wife of the Consul General, the proceeds will be turned over to the King George's Fund for Sailors.

The organization of a new Commerce Club in Manila, composed entirely of American corporations, firms and individuals, is contemplated, the plan being suggested by several leading American business houses, including the Pacific Commercial Company, Manila Trading and Supply Company, Norton and Harrison, Water E. Olsen & Company, E. O. McCullough & Company, and William H. Anderson. The purpose of the organization will be to aid in the development of American business interests in the Philippines.

## TO-DAY'S SHARE QUOTATIONS.

S.—SELLERS; SA.—SALES;  
B.—BUYERS; N.—NOMINAL.

### OFFICIAL PRICE BANKS.

MARINE INSURANCES.	
H. K. & S. Banks	\$725
Cantons	b. \$335
North China	b. t. 115
Union	n. \$950
Yangtze	n. S'hai \$205
Far Eastern	n. t. 26

### FIRE INSURANCES.

China Fires	b. \$158
H. K. Fires	b. \$340

### SHIPPING.

Douglases	b. \$87
Steamboats	b. \$22
Indos (Pref.)	b. \$30
Indos (Def.)	a. & sa. \$165
Shells	sa. 125/-
Ferries	b. \$34

### REFINERIES.

Sugars	b. \$90
Malabona	sa. \$39

### MINING.

Kailans	b. 47/-
Langkats	b. & sa. t. 19/-
Raub	n. \$2.25
Trombos	n. \$3/-
Urals	n. \$3/-

### DOCKS, WHARVES, GODOWS, & C.

H. K. Wharves	b. \$102
Kowloon Docks	b. \$153, sa. 157
S'hai Docks	b. t. 133
N. Engineerings	b. t. 2a

### LANDS, HOTELS AND BUILDINGS.

Centrals	b. \$100
H. K. Hotels	n. \$90
Land Invest.	b. \$98
H'phreys Est.	b. \$7.25
K'loon Lands	b. \$83
West Points	n. \$72

### COTTON MILLS.

Ewos	n. t. 190
Kung Yiks	b. \$14
Lau Kung Mow	n. \$12a
Oriental	n. \$60
S'hai Cottons	b. \$132, 139
Yangtze Spools	b. \$8.00

### MISCELLANEOUS.

Green Islands	b. \$8.60 sa. 8.50
Borneos	n. \$12
China Light & P.	n. \$6.90
Providents	b. \$8.10
Dairy Farms	n. \$26
H. K. Electric	b. \$64
Macao Electric	n. \$85
Ropes	n. \$35
Trams, Low Level	b. \$7.80
Trams, Peak, old	b. \$7.00
Trams, Peak, new	b. \$7.70
Laundries	b. \$3.85
Steel Foundries	n. \$18
U. Waterboards	n. \$12
Watsons	b. \$5.75
Wm. Powells	b. \$9.60
Wiseman's	b. \$19

Hongkong, 10th December, 1918.

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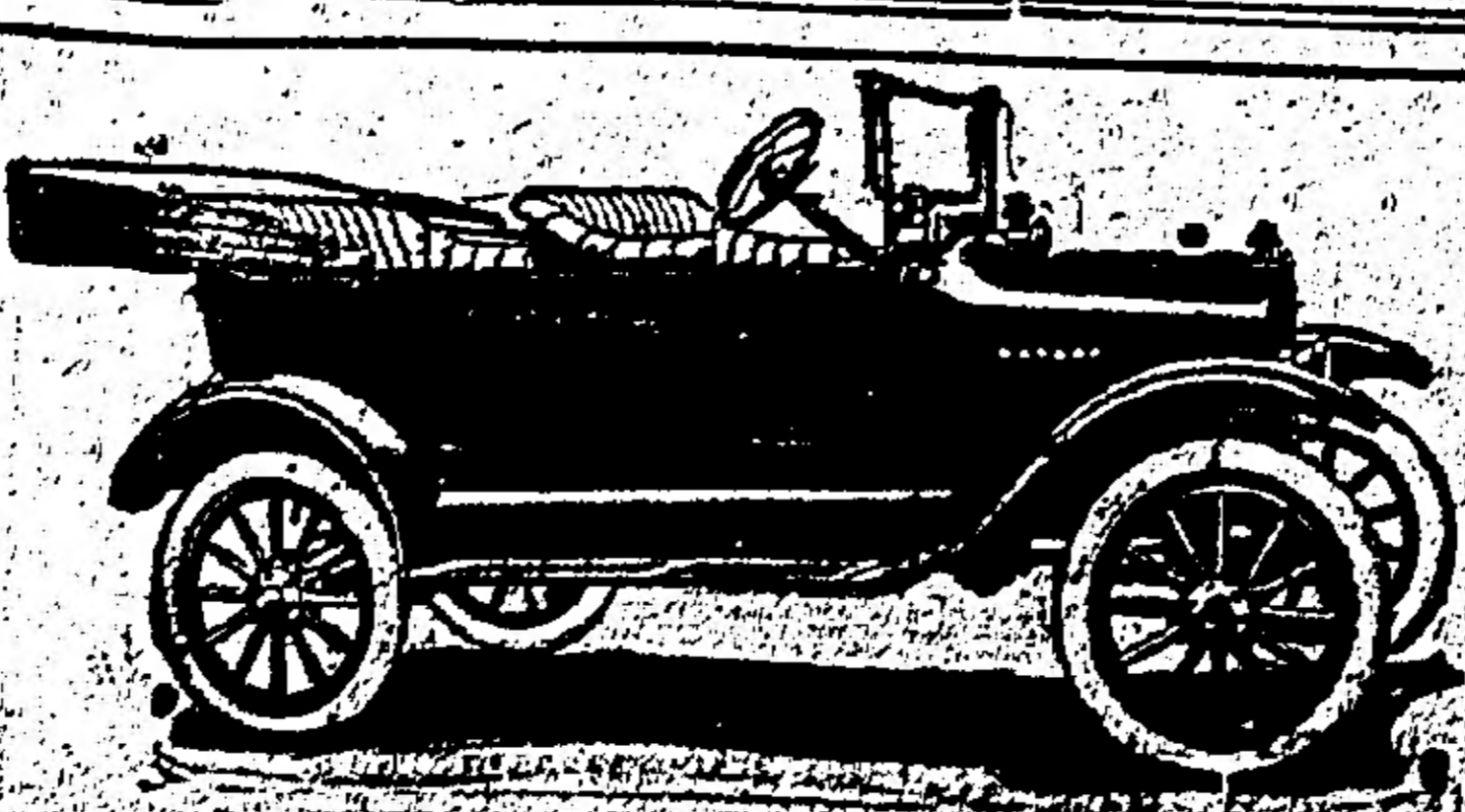
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December. She will be de-  
parting for Yokohama, via Swatow, on the 15th  
December.

The China Mail S.S. Co.'s S.S. CHINA  
left Yokohama on November 29th, home-  
ward bound for San Francisco.

The Pacific Mail Co. is in receipt of  
telegraphic advice from the Seattle  
Agency to the effect that the S.S. QUADRO  
Voyage 19 arrived at Honolulu November  
27th 1918, on her way home to San  
Francisco.

The P. & O. Company's S.S. "DUNHEDRA"  
left Shanghai for this Port on the 8th  
instant, with the homeward-bound  
mail, and is due here at 11.15 a.m.  
at 11.15 a.m.

## FROM THE PULPIT.

The God of Might and  
Tenderness.

Notes of a sermon by the Rev.  
J. Kirk Macdonald at Union  
Church on Sunday morning—  
"A father of the fatherless,  
and judge of the widow, is God  
in His holy habitation."—Psalm  
68/5.

Few if asked to assign these  
tender words to a probable  
context, would look for it in one  
of the classic triumph songs of  
history. Yet such this 68th  
psalm is, the famous *Ezra* at  
Darius known among the Hugenots  
as the song of battle, chanted by  
Syonarols on the march to the trial by fire  
in Florence, and rung out by  
Cromwell's undefeated Ironsides  
on many a stricken field. A victory  
ode it is, cast in the sublimest  
strain, celebrating some critical  
deliverance wrought by Jehovah  
for His people.

"O sing praises unto the Lord.  
To Him that rideth upon the  
heaven of heavens which are of  
old;

Ascribe ye strength unto God;  
His excellency is over Israel,  
And His strength is in the skies;  
O God, Thou art terrible out of  
Thy holy places."

Such is the exalted style of this  
magnificent hymn, celebrating  
the glories of mighty God who  
had caused Kings of armies to  
fly apace and had scattered the  
peoples which delight in war.  
But the glory of this great God  
is not simply that of the omnipotent  
ruler and chastiser of the  
nations. It is matched by the  
tenderness of His pitiful regard  
for the individuals who stand  
most in need of it. He bends  
from on high to hear the sighing  
of the prisoner. He takes thought  
to set the solitary in families.  
Men are able not only to say that  
a sceptre of majesty is wielded  
in the skies, but to sing that "a  
father of the fatherless, and a  
judge of the widow is God in His  
holy habitation."

What a light upon the character  
of our revealed and gracious God,  
and what a resource to the soul  
that realises it! I once heard  
some poor men discussing the case  
of a multi-millionaire who had  
died, and as usual left vast sums  
of money to people who had too  
much already. The talk was  
suddenly closed by an unexpected  
remark from the poorest of them.  
"My father," said he in a matter  
of fact tone, "is richer than  
Mr. ——" "What?" And then  
after a little pause; "Oh yes;  
of course," as the others realised  
their friend was talking about the  
Father in Heaven.

How strange it sounds—and  
have miserable a thing that it  
should sound strange—in the  
ordinary course of things, when  
some ordinary man says some  
thing which shows he has a  
religion which is not confined to  
Church and Sundays when people  
avow in unison that they believe  
in God the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth and  
then go away and forget all about  
the most important part of it,  
which is the fatherliness.

A friend—not a cleric, and not  
of our communion here—spoke to  
me the other day of a defect in  
our recent victory celebrations.  
The average man's religion, he  
said, appeared to be not Christian-  
ity at all, but only a mixture of  
patriotism and Judaism. It's  
nothing but "God Almighty"  
with most people, he said, and  
they never seem to get any farther  
than the Old Testament. I have  
said as much as that myself  
before now, with this difference,  
that if we stop at the slights of the  
Old Testament, for though that cannot  
fully reveal the God and Father of  
our Lord Jesus Christ, it has  
abundance of true and tender  
things to say about the Lord  
Who considers the poor, cares for  
the friendless, adopts the orphan,  
is a husband to the widow. The  
ancient law, e.g. takes these  
helpless ones repeatedly beneath  
its wing—the wing of the eagle,  
not only warm to shelter but  
fierce to protect—"Ye shall not  
afflict any widow or fatherless  
child. If thou afflict them in any  
wise, and they cry into Me, I  
will surely hear their cry and my  
wrath shall wax hot."—(Ex.  
22/22.) Or from Malachi:  
"I will be a swift witness," says God, "against them  
who afflict the widow and the

fatherless. Or take the stinging  
remonstrance against the court  
and popular religion of Isaiah's  
time, recounting that God is  
weary of ceremonies which have  
no moral result: "When ye  
spread forth your hands I will  
turn away mine eyes; when you  
make many prayers I will not  
hear. . . . Cease to do evil;  
learn to do well. Seek judgment,  
relieve the oppressed; judge the  
fatherless, plead for the widow."  
Our Saviour himself is similarly  
seathing on the subject of these  
widow's houses, and for a pre-  
tence, make long prayers, and  
the Apostle James is simi-  
larly practical in laying it  
down that pure religious  
observance and undefiled is to  
visit the fatherless and widows  
in their affliction, and to keep  
oneself unspotted from the world.

It is quite remarkable how  
constantly the Bible makes a  
particular regard for such as  
these a test of true religion;  
requires the strong and success-  
ful to pause in their career and  
consider them, declares God's  
displeasure against the meanness  
and cruelty which would take  
advantage of them. The money  
lender is expressly forbidden to  
take a widow's garment in  
pledge. The farmer is charged  
not to glean the corners of his  
field nor beat out his vines  
and olives to the last drop,  
but to leave something for the  
orphan and widow when they  
come to glean. Efficiency is a  
fine thing, but the efficiency which  
strips the world so bare that  
nothing is left for its less for-  
tunate citizens is a work of the  
devil, fit only for the superman,  
his disciple.

The Bible holds up a nobler,  
gentler ideal, which, like its other  
ideals, is based upon the known  
character and revealed nature of  
God. Who is not only the great  
God of battles ruling the round  
world and commanding the  
armies of the sky, but the  
Father and Husband Who takes  
special thought for such as  
the world too easily forgets.  
No more than water is able to rise  
above its source can a people's  
ideals surpass such conceptions as  
they have of the divine. Of that  
the hard lot of the widow through-  
out the heathen world is an  
unmistakable illustration.

The British Government in  
India has prohibited the grossest  
cruelities, but only by slow  
degrees is the position of even the  
child widow betrothed in infancy  
becoming tolerable. She is re-  
garded as being under the  
displeasure of the gods and  
abandoned as the bringer of  
ill luck, outcast from human  
affection because under the ban  
of heaven. Nothing could be in  
more absolute contradiction to  
the Divine character as you and  
I know it, but the idea in  
modified forms has always been  
widely diffused. The Jews them-  
selves were not wholly free from  
the notion that somehow widow-  
hood was a reproach and all these  
Bible assurances to the contrary  
have that strange error for a  
background, based on the general  
supposition, still persistent, that  
adversity is always meant as a  
chastisement. "Art thou come?"  
said the widow woman of Sarepta  
to Elijah, "to bring my sin to  
remembrance?" That was the only  
idea she had of anything which a  
man of God might have to do  
with the like of her, whereas it  
was quite the contrary. By  
sending His servant to her God  
was giving her something to do,  
charging her with an important  
piece of service which would take  
her thoughts away from her lone-  
liness and indigence. And while  
God gave the duty He also, as He  
does always, gave the means of  
discharging it. So long as the  
famine lasted the barrel of meal  
waxed not, nor did the cruse of  
oil dry up—which things are a  
parable illustrating the comforting  
word we hear through Jeremiah,  
"Leave thy fatherless children,  
I will preserve them alive;  
and let thy widows trust in me."  
Wonderful words, these, and the  
like of them. But they did not  
come down from cloudland with  
no relation to actual life. Had  
that been so they would never  
have been believed.

Life, with all its complications  
and contradictions, takes a course  
which does not leave these noble  
and gracious assurances of God  
floating like a dream, un-  
supported in the air. These  
Bible promises are based on

observation. It became a  
proverb in the days of Solomon  
that "The Lord will uproot the  
house of the proud, but he  
will establish the border  
of the widow," and you may  
depend on it that a proverb of  
that kind has observed facts at  
the back of it. Thoughtful men  
and women pondered life's  
puzzles and contradictions,  
and came to see that in a broad  
view of it the race did not fall to  
the swift nor the battle to the  
strong. They saw that the way  
to possess the earth is not to  
grind and hustle and ride  
roughshod, but hardness and  
inconsiderateness do not float men  
to prosperity beyond a certain  
point. They saw that oppressors  
of the weak had a curb laid on  
them after being allowed enough  
latitude to reveal themselves.  
They saw that there is something  
at work underneath this curious,  
contradictory life of ours, which  
adjusts its balances and sees to  
it that the widow is not left af-  
flicted or the orphan unprovid-  
ed.

Now I think that you or I, if  
we would look into the matter,  
would be able to add our verse  
of testimony from what we have  
seen in life? I found myself,  
reflecting, almost casually, the  
other day, how often fatherless  
children seem to turn out well,  
often particularly well. Indeed  
not seldom there is a something  
about them which you may  
miss in others—a certain  
sympathy, a thoughtfulness, an  
appreciation of our many common  
blessings which some who have  
always had everything do not  
show. That seems to be the way  
with those who have not had it  
poured on them so much have in  
their youth. A small kindness  
can make the heart of the widow  
sing for joy when costly gifts  
would leave another unmoved who  
does not know her mercies.

It is therefore easy to do God's  
work in such ways as these, if we  
have the heart to do it, the heart  
at leisure from itself, the mind—  
not too common for all our  
humanitarianism—which finds it  
better to think out quiet ways of  
doing good than to be for ever on  
the rush after dollars or amuse-  
ment. After all, that is what  
it comes back to—considerateness  
for others because we are not  
absorbed in self and have the  
heart to be imitators of God.

"I am poor and needy," says  
the Psalmist, "yet the Lord  
thinketh upon me." That is  
what God does, thinks about us,  
most when we most need it and  
for that very reason may at the  
moment be least aware  
of it. The wonder perhaps  
is we are not forsaken.  
This great and mighty God, who  
made the earth and sky and sea,  
whom heaven and the heaven of  
heavens cannot contain, the High  
and Lofty One who inhabiteth  
sternity, whose name is holy, de-  
lights to bend down to such as are  
at-tipped and bare and solitary.  
We have been thinking much of  
His wondrous ways and glori-  
fying His mighty power in order-  
ing the affairs of nations and the  
world: let us not forget that He  
looks in His grace to touch our  
individual humanity at the very  
points where it is broken and  
feeble and out of heart; and never  
does He touch but to comfort and  
help and heal. "A father of the  
fatherless, and a judge of the  
widow is God in His holy  
habitation."

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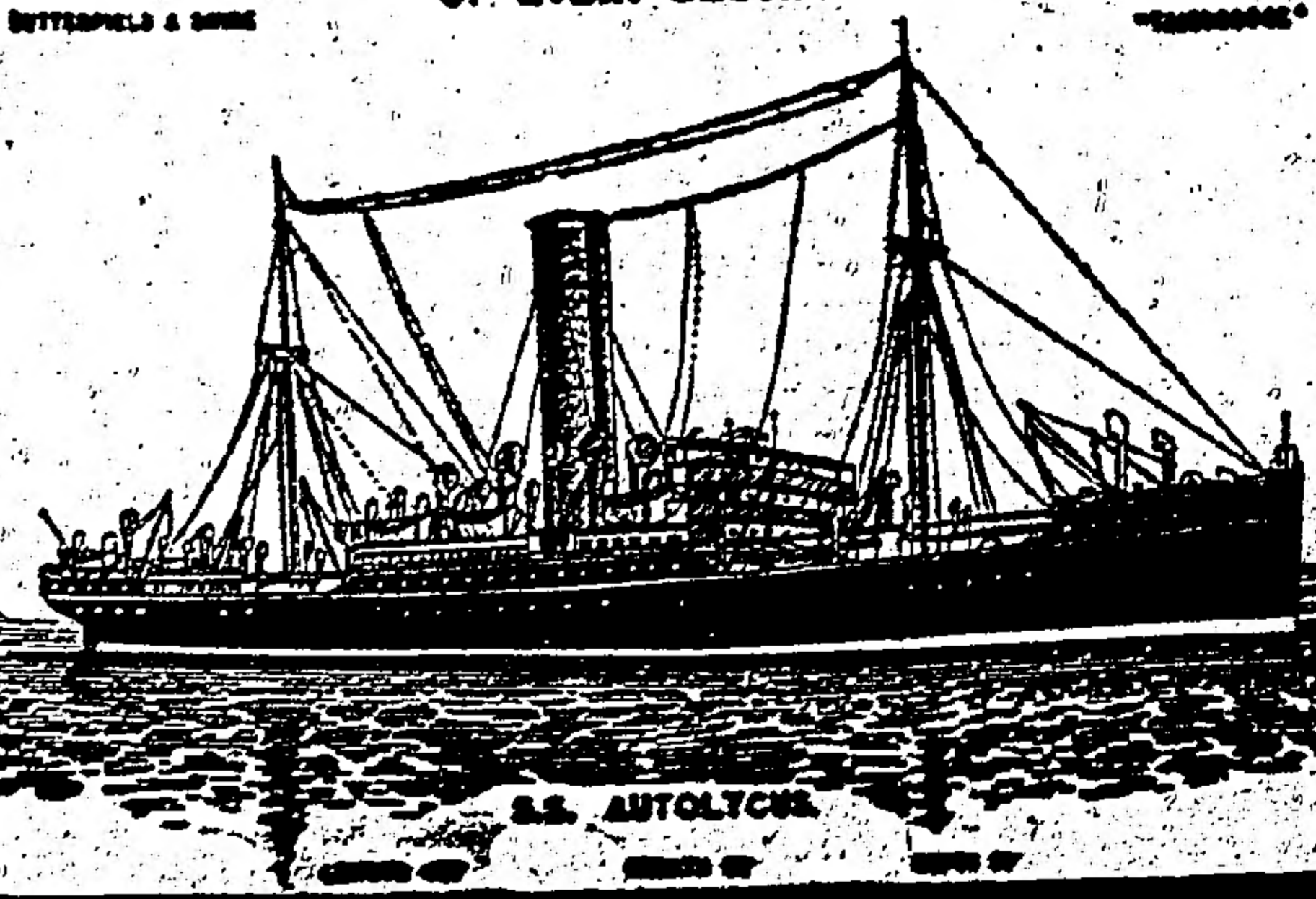
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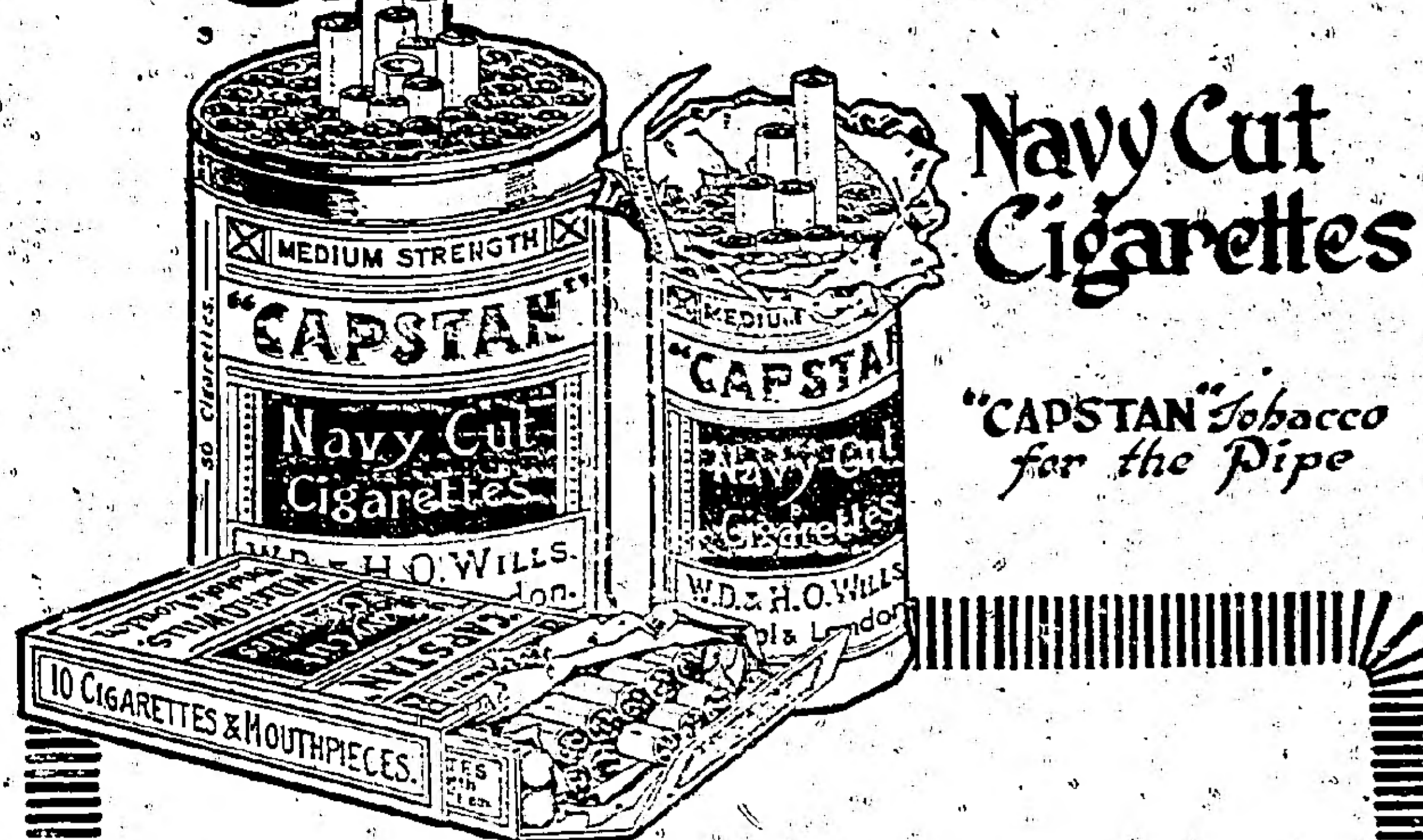
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Peking, Dec. 9.  
The Conference between the North and South will be held at Nanking. It will be called the Peace and Reorganisation Conference. The President sent for Luog Chai-kwang yesterday. Luog expresses no desire to return to Canton.

Shanghai, Dec. 9.  
The President instructs Luog Chai-kwang to disband his new Jan Woo troops. The Northern Government has asked Wu Chiao-shu (son of Wu Ting-fang) to accompany Luk Ching-cheng to the European Peace Conference. The three Tachuns, Tso Kwan, Chan Juk-lum and Mang Yan-yuen, have succeeded in obtaining funds from the Government and have now left Peking for their respective posts.

As Luk Ching-cheng will not accept any reception given him by Japanese officials or people, Chang, Chung cheung, the Chinese Minister in Tokyo, is being strongly criticised by the Japanese. He therefore tenders his resignation.

Chin Ping-lan, one of the delegates sent by the President to negotiate with the South-west Province, has strongly recommended that Chin Nan-tun, the Provincial Premier, should be the chief delegate at the Peace Conference at Nanking.

### WEATHER REPORT.

December 10d. 12h. 65m.—No returns from Japan, Vladivostok and the Philippines. Pressure has decreased considerably over N. China and slightly elsewhere. The anticyclone has moved eastward, and the monsoon will be interrupted to the north of Foochow; it will continue to blow freely over the N. China Sea.

Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inch. Total since January 1st 10.43 inches against an average of 31.32 inches.

#### FORECAST FOR THE 24 HOURS ENDING AT NOON TO-MORROW.

Direction. Forecast.

Hongkong to Gas. Back. N.E. winds, moderate; fair.

Formosa Channel. N. winds, fresh.

South coast of China. The same between H.K. and Lamooki as No. 1.

South coast of China. The same between H.K. and Halan as No. 1.

C. W. JEFFRIES, Chief Assistant, Hongkong Observatory, Dec. 10, 1918.

### METEOROLOGICAL.

Previous Day On date On date.

at 4 p.m. at 4 a.m. at 4 p.m.

Barometer 30.04 30.03 30.07

Temperature 65 63 65

Humidity 40 45 79

Wind Direction E. E.N.E. E.

Force 4 2 4

Weather Partly Cloudy

Remarks 0.00 0.00 0.00

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"Van CLOON"

having arrived from the above ports, consignees of cargo by her are notified that all goods are being landed at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra-hazardous godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Ltd., whence and/or from the Wharves delivery may be obtained.

Goods not cleared by the 13th instant at 4 p.m. will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed and damaged packages are to be left in the godown, where they will be examined on the 12th instant at 10 a.m. by Messrs. Goddard & Douglas.

Claims against the steamer must be presented in writing within ten days after arrival of steamer, otherwise they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by the undersigned in any case whatever.

Bills of Lading will be counter-signed by

JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LLIN.

Agents.

Hongkong, 6th December, 1918.

### TIDE TABLE.

From 9th Dec. to 15th Dec.

High Water

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### GEO. P. LAMMERT.

AUCTIONEER, APPRAISER  
AND SURVEYOR.

#### PUBLIC AUCTIONS.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction on

WEDNESDAY 11th December 1918,

commencing at 11 a.m. at his Sales rooms, Duddell Street.

A Large quantity of Silver-ware.

Comprising:—  
Vases, photo-frames, powder boxes, tea caddies, cigarette boxes & cases, ornaments etc., etc.

Also  
Gold necklaces, watch chains & charms, ear-rings, brooches, bracelets, cuff links, jade & pearl ornaments etc., etc.

On view from Tuesday, the 11th December.

Terms: Cash on delivery.  
GEO. P. LAMMERT,  
Auctioneer.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction on

FRIDAY, the 13th December, 1918,

commencing at 2.30 p.m. at his Sales rooms, Duddell Street.

A Collection of Valuable Chinese Curios.

comprising:—  
5-colour, blue & white vases, plates & bowls from the Kanghi, Kienlung & Towkwang periods.

Also

Genuine Sung Celadon vase.

Kanghi 5-colour vase (very fine).

Imperial Kienlung ware.

Yungching Porcelain Pictures.

On view from Thursday, the 12th inst.

Catalogues on application.

Terms: Cash on delivery.

GEO. P. LAMMERT,  
Auctioneer.

### PUBLIC AUCTIONS.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction on

WEDNESDAY 11th December, 1918,

commencing at 2.30 p.m. at the Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd.

at No. 28 Godown (Kowloon) 10 Cases Wire & Steel Pans.

(suitable for Bakers & Confectioners)

slightly damaged by water. Terms: Cash on delivery.

GEO. P. LAMMERT,  
Auctioneer.

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WEDNESDAY 11th December, 1918,

commencing at 2.30 p.m. at the Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd.

at No. 28 Godown (Kowloon) 31 cases containing:—500 Zinc Sheets 1/32 x 48 x 96.

15 cases containing:—200 Zinc Sheets .022 x 14 x 48.

At No. 51 godown (Kowloon) 362 kegs Wire Nails.

All the above goods slightly damaged by water.

Terms:—Cash on delivery.

GEO. P. LAMMERT,  
Auctioneer.

### NOTICE.

ANOTHER BLOCK OF HOUSES  
FOR A HOUSING SCHEME.

THE Undersigned, having acquired the whole of the houses in Granville Terrace, Kowloon, are prepared to make arrangements with any person desirous of owning any of these four-roomed houses by purchasing on the instalment system, preference to the given to the present tenants.

J. M. ALVES & CO.,  
Hongkong, 7th December, 1918.

### NOTICE.

#### ASAHI BEER.



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